

GUILTY, SAYS JURY IN "CLUB" CASES

Verdict Against Defendant on All Counts Named by Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney.

MURRELL ARRIVES NEW YORK

Tug Overdue at Norfolk Steamed on Her Way to Metropolis. Barge Collides.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., January 29.—The jury in the Hanger-Crawford Social Club case made short work of it.

Commonwealth's Attorney Stewart asked for the revocation of the club's charter on three counts, as follows:

For the misuse of the corporate privilege and franchise.

For the exercise of a privilege and franchise not conferred on it by law.

That its charter was obtained from the State Corporation Commission for a fraudulent purpose and for a purpose not authorized by law.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty on all three counts. Judge T. H. Wilcox and H. H. Bagby, counsel for the club, noted exceptions during the progress of the trial to the rulings of the court, and when the case ended asked that the verdict be set aside and a new trial granted. On the last motion Judge Crocker will hear argument probably tomorrow.

The Crawford Social Club has about 1,400 members, who have the privilege of purchasing on Sunday from the Hanger Drug Company cigars, soda water and such like.

Attorneys for the defendants announced that they will take the case to the Supreme Court of the United States should the State courts decide the case adversely to their clients.

Tug Murrell Safe.

The three-masted barge John A. Briggs, with her bow stove in the result of a collision at sea, passed Cape Henry this afternoon. The barge was proceeding under her own sail. What she may have collided with it has not been ascertained, the weather bureau observing at Cape Henry being signalled that the barge had been in collision, and nothing more.

The tug Murrell, reported five days overdue at Cape Henry, according to advice received here today, has arrived at New York with the barge which it had in tow. Having met with severe gales, the tug was delayed, and having sufficient coal to reach New York, made no effort to enter the Chesapeake.

The Ward Line steamer Cienfuegos, from Tampico to New York, put in here this afternoon short of coal. She was delayed by gales.

Each Wife Claimed Him.

Two women, Maria Jones and Victoria Jones, each claiming to be the wife of Sam Jones, were put in a damage claim on account of the death of their joint better half.

Maria Jones, who is fifty years old, said Jones left her ten years ago. Victoria Jones said he married her ten years ago. The matter was settled by Attorney W. H. Venable, counsel for the Traction Company, who made settlement with both women.

Each of the women had a number of witnesses to prove that Jones had married her.

Temporary Bridge.

A quantity of building material and machinery has arrived at the collapsed bridge over the Northern Branch of the Elizabeth River, and the work of constructing a temporary bridge to be used until the draw can be replaced has already commenced. It will be constructed so as to permit the passage of the small craft which sail in and out of the Northern Branch.

Four carloads of piles and three pile-drivers arrived at the bridge today.

The wreckage is being rapidly cleared.



Embrace the Opportunity

to make one dollar do the work of two. Never have prices been so squeezed.

Our "Keep-Busy Sale" offers splendid chances to fill any gaps in the wardrobe of man or boy.

Overwear and Underwear, Topwear and Towear—everything at greatly curtailed prices and everything the finest, freshest and most fashionable in fabric and finish.

You'd better shake a leg. Values like these don't have to plead for takers. They're snapped up as a hungry fish darts for a crumb.

Hosiery. Regular 50c values, 25c.

Underwear. Regular \$1.50 values, 81c.

Suits and O'Coats. \$16, \$18, \$20 values, \$11.75.

Children's Pants. Regular 75c values, 33c.

Guyot Suspenders. Regular 50c values, 25c.

Crossett Shoes. Regular \$4 values, \$3.15.

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away by a wrecking crew of the Merritt & Chapman Derrick and Wrecking Company.

The body of Sam Jones, the negro who was lost in the catastrophe, has not been recovered.

The Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company is maintaining its regular fifteen-minute schedule over the road. The express trains are running as usual.

Two of the big passenger coaches of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad have been pressed into service on the expedition end of the railroad, and there are now a sufficient number of cars on that end of the line to handle all expedition and other business without delay.

RICHMOND'S COLLISION.

Tug's Barges Bump Up Against Avondale.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 29.—The tug Richmond, towing the Seaboard Transportation Company's barges, George R. Skiffeld, Idaho and John A. Briggs, arrived in port from Boston to-night.

The barges were in collision with the Luckawanna barge Avondale, in Boston harbor last week, and all three were more or less damaged. The Skiffeld had a big hole bored in her bow. A survey will be held tomorrow.

A steam travelling derrick at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company's plant turned over and rolled down an embankment this afternoon. M. Olsen, the engineer, was badly hurt, but will recover. The derrick upset in an effort to haul a dump car that had left the track back in place.

The matter of widening Hull Street in Swansboro was continued.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

FEVER FOR GOOD ROADS CATCHING

Chesterfield Making Rapid Strides in This Direction—Supervisors Get Busy.

HIGHWAYS TO EXPOSITION

Efforts Will Be Directed Especially Towards Improving Automobile Highways.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHESTERFIELD C. H., VA., January 29.—The fever for good roads in Chesterfield county has struck the enterprising supervisor from Manchester district, and at the meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday he prayed permission to borrow \$10,000, in addition to his regular district fund, for immediate work on the roads of Manchester district.

The motion failed of material results, however, the chairman ruling that without a favorable vote of a majority of the electorate of Manchester district the loan could not be secured.

The expected action of the board in equipping an auxiliary road force similar to the force of twenty State convicts now employed by the county road superintendent, by combining the district funds, did not materialize, and the matter went over to the February meeting. Efforts are being made to have those roads most likely to be traversed by highway tourists to the Jamestown Exposition put in as good shape as possible this spring, especially the Manchester and Petersburg Turnpike.

The sum of \$13,815.50 was paid into the county treasury for 1906 capitation taxes remitted by the Auditor of Public Accounts, and about \$2,500 was also paid in by the county clerk for delinquent taxes collected since August.

Permission was granted the James River Coal Corporation, which owns many acres of land at and near Middlethian, and desires to rebuild a highway bridge across the Southern Railway, on the Middlethian Pike, to delay travel for periods of three hours at a time while the bridge is being rebuilt. Mr. Meriwether Jones, of Richmond, represented the Coal Company, and will act with the county surveyor in laying out a new public road near Middlethian.

May Ship Cattle Over James. Dr. J. A. Kiernan, United States cattle inspector in charge of Virginia and North Carolina, with Mr. B. E. Emory, government agent in tick eradication, appeared before the meeting today in behalf of the work of the cattle inspection in this section. Chesterfield cattle, after being duly inspected and found uninfected with ticks, may now be shipped to markets north of the James River only between December 15th and March 15th of each year. The "no fence" law, which will become operative throughout the whole county in April, preventing thereafter the ranking of cattle promiscuously, together with a systematic cattle inspection and disinfection, and quarantining of farms infested with the Texas ticks, the government men think, will be the means of lifting the quarantine against cattle in this county for every month in the year, before the close of 1907.

A pesthouse for the confinement of indigent persons having contagious diseases, especially smallpox, has been erected on the county almshouse property, and is ready for use. Smallpox is still reported to be in Matocosa district, but no applications have been made for admission to the pesthouse. The board thinks the smallpox expense, which some years amounts to thousands of dollars, will be materially diminished by the dread of being transported to the pesthouse.

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PRESENT MR. LAKE WITH TOKENS OF ESTEEM

Alexandria Gentleman Who Succeeds W. S. Andrews Honored by Former Associates.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 29.—George C. Peyton this morning entered upon his duties as superintendent of the Washington division of the Southern Railway Company. Mr. Peyton succeeds Mr. Charles S. Lake, who left this morning for Greensboro, N. C., to succeed W. S. Andrews, who recently resigned as superintendent of the Danville division.

Mr. Joseph Wilkinson, of Amelia, was here Sunday. Mrs. Mattie Goodman is on a visit here to her sister, Mrs. Rice.

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As a token of the appreciation in which he is held by the members of the Protective and Benevolent Order of Elks of this city will present Chief George W. Petty, of the first department, with a belt and helmet.

The Episcopalians have started a series of missions at Del Ray, Alexandria county, which will be held in the Baptist Church here pending the construction of an Episcopal Church. The missions will be conducted by students from the Episcopal Theological Seminary. Through the efforts of Rev. Wm. J. Morton, rector of Christ Church, of this city, they were started.

The members of Fitzgerald Council, No. 459, Knights of Columbus, met tonight and passed resolutions for going to Petersburg, Va., February 10th, for the purpose of instituting a new council at that place.

The degree team of the local council will confer the first degree. It is expected that a large number of members of the organization will accompany the degree team.

HOLD YOUNG NEGRO ON MURDER CHARGE

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FIND AGED WATCHMAN DEAD ON RAILWAY TRACK

He Was Known to Have Been Sufferer From Heart Disease and Inquest Was Not Held.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHESTER, VA., January 29.—Mr. Noah Mitter, the aged watchman of the Tidewater and Western Railroad shops, at this place, was found dead at his post of duty Saturday afternoon between 6 and 7 o'clock. Mr. Mitter originally came to this section from Baltimore, where he has a wife and children now living, and for a number of years has been employed as a watchman here; and on Saturday afternoon, before going on duty, complained of a tightness or pain in his chest, but went to his post about the time mentioned above. Mr. J. M. Cofer, dispatcher, was looking over the employes on the shopyard and found him dead, lying across the track. The coroner and Dr. Hurt were summoned, and though his head was injured by his fall on the rail, knowing his age, and the fact that he had symptoms of heart trouble, an inquest was deemed unnecessary, and his death was attributed to natural causes.

His son, who was a section-master on the Tidewater and Western Railroad, was sent for immediately, and his remains were shipped to Baltimore yesterday for burial. Mr. Mitter lived here alone in a hired house, and it is stated, carried an insurance of \$2,000 on his life.

Mr. S. A. Perdue, of this place, on Friday purchased Farrar's Island, at Dutch Gap, of the heirs of R. C. Friend.

The prevalence of measles in this community is affecting the attendance at the high school, which is a source of regret to the teachers, who are making every effort to make all the progress possible with the scholars. Mrs. L. O. Edwards, of the grammar school, is detained in Petersburg, nursing a sick sister, and these breaks in the ranks of teachers and scholars make a hindrance in the successful operation of the school.

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FIRE IN DANGEROUS LOCALITY

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For chairman of the Gas and Light Committee President Patterson, of the Council, nominated T. B. Maclin, who was elected by acclamation. The meeting was a very brief one, the above mentioned elections being the only business transacted.

Threatening Fire.

A dangerously located fire in the Kent Furniture Company's big store on Sycamore Street this afternoon was quickly extinguished by a special committee from the Council. The blaze was a very serious one, the blaze was between the ceiling of the first floor and the floor of the second, and was caused by the fact that a wooden joist penetrated a flue.

A steam shovel working on the Seaboard Air Line Railway, near the Virginia Normal and Industrial School, in Chesterfield county, was accidentally overturned yesterday afternoon, blocking the track and delaying all trains for several hours.

A proposed skating race between Brent, of Richmond, and Butts, of Norfolk, scheduled to take place at the Washington Street rink here to-night, was called off, a message having been received that Brent would be unable to race because of an injury from a fall in Richmond last night.

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